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1. SUBJECT PROJECT AS SET FORTH BY GUB WOULD INCLUDE BOTH LAYERS AND BROILERS IN POULTRY FARMS AND EXTENSIVE (RANGE LAND) BEEF CATTLE FARMS. QUOTED BELOW IS THE GUB DESCRIPTION OF THE POULTRY AND CATTLE FARMS:

3 POULTRY FARMS
EACH FARM WILL ACCOMMODATE 10,000 LAYERS AND 5000 REPLACEMENT CHICKENS. THUS, 1754 THOUSAND NUMBERS OF EGG, 250 THOUSAND NUMBERS OF DAY OLD CHICKS AND 20 THOUSAND NUMBERS OF BROILERS ARE TO BE PRODUCED ANNUALLY.

2 BEEF CATTLE FARMS
EACH FARM WILL COVER TWO MAIN DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES AS FOLLOWS:

(1) UPGRADING OF LOCAL BREEDS OF CATTLE WITH APPROPRIATE BEST BREEDS AND

(2) DEMONSTRATING THE RANCH FARMING PRACTICES
BREEDING OF 250 COWS WITH THE DISTRIBUTION OF ABOUT 200 CALVES ANNUALLY IS EXPECTED.

4 DRAUGHT AND BEEF CATTLE FARMS
AREA OF WASTE LAND NEAR TAIKKYI, PROME, MEIKTILA AND MAGWE ARE TO BE DEVELOPED INTO GRAZING PASTURES. IN EACH FARM 500 HEADS OF QUALITY COWS AND APPROXIMATELY

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ABOUT 700 HEADS OF REPLACEMENT STOCK WILL BE REARED

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AND PRODUCTION OF OVER 300 HEADS PER YEAR IS EXPECTE.

2. IN ADDITION THE GUB DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

(1) TWO NATIONAL POULTRY BREEDING CENTERS, TWO NATIONAL PIG BREEDING CENTERS, AND TEN REGIONAL CENTERS FOR PIG AND POULTRY.

(2) NATIONAL PIG BREEDING CENTER WILL GIVE PROPER GUIDANCE TO THE BREEDERS. THE CENTER WILL ALSO UNDERTAKE TO SOLVE THE VARIOUS PROBLEMS RELATED TO SQINE PRODUCTION.

(3) THE DISTRIBUTION OF PURE BREED OF DAY OLD CHICKEN TO THE REGIONAL CENTER AND LIVESTOCK FARMERS IN THE PROJECT AREA IS TO BE MADE BY THE NATIONAL CENTER. EACH REGIONAL CENTER WILL DEVELOP PIG AND POULTRY BREEDING WITHIN THE AREA OF ABOUT TEN TO TWENTY MILES RADIUS FROM EACH CENTER.

(4) THE LIVESTOCK CREDIT SYSTEM WILL PROVIDE THE MAJORITY OF RURAL FARMERS WITH SUCH ASSISTANCE IN KIND OF STOCK, BUILDINGS, EQUIPMENT, FEED AND DRUGS, WHICH VALUE IS TO BE TRATED AS LOAN.

(5) TO CONSTRUCT A FISH MEAL PLANT WITH STORAGE FACILITIES.

(6) THIS PROJECT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO DEVELOP A WHOLESALE MARKETING SYSTEM WHICH WILL BENEFIT BOTH THE FARMERS AND CONSUMERS BY MEANS OF DIRECT DEALING.

3. THE GUB HAS ALSO DRAWN UP A LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION PROJECT WHICH INCLUDES CONSTRUCTION OF PIG AND CATTLE ABBATOIRS AND FEED MILLS. IT HOPES SOME ASPECTS OF THE PROJECT WILL BE INCLUDED WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE PROPOSED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

4. HOWEVER, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE ADB'S TENTATIVE PROJECT DESCRIPTION CALLS FOR ONLY PROJECT PREPARATION RELATED TO DEVELOPMENT OF THE PIG AND POULTRY INDUSTRY. HENCE, THE PROPOSED PROJECT ENVISIONED BY THE ADB MAY BE MUCH MORE LIMITED THAN THAT ENVISONED BY THE GUB.

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